

**TREE Meeting, January 12, 2010**  
**Location: Friends of the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg, VA**  
**Business meeting minutes**

In attendance: Charlene Talcott, Faye Andrashko, Laura Lawfer, May Sligh, Kathey and Walter Brodtman, Maureen Daly Hamm, Bobbie Burton, Gordon Dudley

Upcoming events and news in the area:

- Northern Neck Master Gardeners are having a seminar on March 27, 2010 called "At Home in Your Garden: Plants that Belong." For more information, please visit [www.nnmg.org](http://www.nnmg.org).
- On February 16, the Garden Club of the Northern Neck will present its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Conservation Symposium. Jerry Walker, County Energy Manager and Senior Engineer for Henrico County, will speak about the Economics of Energy Conservation. This talk will be held at Stratford Hall, at 10:30am in the Council house. If interested in participating in the lunch to follow the talk, please register (\$20 fee) by February 5. Checks, made out to GCMP, should be mailed to Randy Brown, GCMP (Stratford Hall Lunch), P.O. Box 2764, Tappahannock, VA 22560. For more information on the program, please contact (804) 580-4137 or [kingdon@kaballero.com](mailto:kingdon@kaballero.com).
- Visit [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org) to find out about new National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grants that are now open. Pre-proposals are due soon, on February 5. If you have any questions or help with the application, please feel free to contact May Sligh at [may.sligh@dc.virginia.gov](mailto:may.sligh@dc.virginia.gov).
- The State Parks program for teenagers, a 3-week program during the summer, is now accepting applications. This program is run by the Youth Conservation Corps. To apply, please visit [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/ycc.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/ycc.shtml).
- NNSWCD is planning a March 11 public program for county personnel, construction industry, real estate professionals, and interested general audience on new VA Stormwater regulations with informative information on Low-Impact development and new construction. The FREE program will be held at Rappahannock Community College 8:00 – noon. Speakers will be Richard Street, Senior Environmental Engineer, Spotsylvania County; Karen Duhring, Marine Advisory Scientist, VIMS; Doug Beisch, P.E., Program Manager, Williamsburg Environment Group, Inc.; and Lee Hill, Asst. Director, Stormwater Management Programs, VA Department of Conservation and Recreation. For more information, contact Faye Andrashko at [faye.andrashko@va.nacdn.net](mailto:faye.andrashko@va.nacdn.net).
- On April 10 and 11, 2010, Hull Springs Farm and VIMS will be holding shoreline workshops. Please let Bobbie Burton ([burtonbs@longwood.edu](mailto:burtonbs@longwood.edu)) know if you have anyone who needs to be invited to this.
- In April Maureen will be retiring from the Friends of the Rappahannock. We'll miss Maureen as a member of TREE, but look forward to meeting the Friends' new staff member.

New Officers Approved:

- Faye Andrashko, President ([Faye.Andrashko@va.nacdn.net](mailto:Faye.Andrashko@va.nacdn.net))
- Wendy Mataya, Vice President ([wmataya@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:wmataya@comgirlscouts.org))
- Laura Lawfer, Secretary ([llawfer@stratfordhall.org](mailto:llawfer@stratfordhall.org))

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park (more details to come soon)
- Summer meeting will be at the Reedville Fisherman's Museum

Extra notes:

- If you or anyone you know is looking for a job, please let Charlene know—she has lots of jobs come in that she doesn't include in the newsletter.
- Please keep an eye out for our next TREE newsletter!

Speaker:

At this meeting, Friends of the Rappahannock Executive Director John Tippet was the speaker. He gave us an overview and insights of where we stand with Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts—and where we need to go.